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THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch steamers as above with mails, passengers, and cargo, every fourteen days.

The steam-ship Himalaya, 1,341 Tons, 250 H.P., Commander W. H. Atkinson, will be despatched on Tuesday, the 3rd August at noon.

August.		August.
Leave Bombay 3	Leave Madras	13
,, Carwar 5	,, Coconada	17
,, Narrakal 7	,, Vizagapatam	18
,, Tuticorin 9	,, Bimlipatam	19
,, Colombo 10	,, Gopalpore	20
,, Galle 10	,, False Point	21
,, Negapatam 12	Arrive Calcutta	22
,, Pondicherry 13		

During the S. W. Monsoon, viz., from the beginning of June to end of August, the steamers do not communicate with the ports of Manachee, Tuticorin, Calicut and Cochin; but passengers for the Neilcherries may be landed at Narrakal, six miles north of Cochin, from whence they may proceed by back water to stations on the Madras Railway.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

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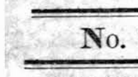
Interchanging cargo and passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, will despatch a steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah.

Up.		Aug.	Down.		Aug.
Leave Bombay		7	Leave Bussorah		27
,,	Kurrachee	11	,,	Fao	27
,,	Guadur	12	,,	Bushire	30
					Sep.
,,	Muscat	15	,,	Linga	2
,,	Bunder Abbas	17	,,	Bunder Abbas	4
,,	Linga	18	,,	Muscat	6
,,	Bushire	21	,,	Guadur	8
,,	Fao	22	,,	Kurrachee	11
Arrive Bussorah		23	Arrive Bombay		14

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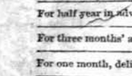
STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every Saturday, at 4 P.M.

The steam-ship Kurrachee, 510 tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Cottier, will be despatched on Saturday, the 31st July at 4 P.M.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship CITY OF CANTON, arrived from Glasgow, are requested to despatch Boats at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of ship City of Canton.

Bombay, 23rd July, 1869.

NOTICES.

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Poona, 1st July, 1869. JEWANJEE & Co.

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DORABJEE SORABJEE,
Proprietor, Royal Family Hotel.

Poona, 10th June, 1869.

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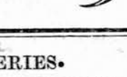

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½	Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1	Rug with Straps,
2	,, Under Vests.	1	Mask,
2	,, Linen Collars,	1	Inverness Cape.
1	,, Fine Cotton Socks.	1	Hand Portmanteau.
1	,, Fine Merino Socks.	2	Overland Trunks.
½	,, Fine Merino Drawers.	1	Clothes Bag.
½	,, Colored Handkerchiefs.	1	Travelling Hat,
1	,, White Cambric.	1	Courier Bag.
1	Overland Suit.	1	Easy Chair.
2	Sleeping Suits.	1	Umbrella.
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2	Scarfs and Ties.	1	Ladies' Overland Trunks.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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BRICE, BROWN, & Co.,
Agents Captain Hole.

Bombay, 30th July, 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship VICTORIA CROSS, arrived from Liverpool, are requested to SEND OFF BOATS for their respective GOODS without delay, otherwise they will be landed by the Captain as they come to hand at risk and expense of the concerned.

Captain Cowley will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the Ship's deck.

COUPLAND & Co.,
Agents ship Victoria Cross.

Bombay, 30th July, 1869.

NEW BANK of BOMBAY (Limited).—The CERTIFICATES of the Shares of the RESERVED ISSUE are READY, and will be delivered on application.

By order of the Board of Directors,
M. BALFOUR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 30th July, 1869.

HOUSE VALUATION FOR 1870.

NOTICE BY THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTIONS 63 AND 64 OF ACT 2 OF 1865.

THE Public are hereby informed that Valuation of Houses, Buildings, and Lands situated within the City is completed for the year 1870, and that the Commissioner will proceed to revise the same on and after the 15th August, 1869.

Owners and Occupiers or their Agents may inspect and make extracts from Assessment Books without payment of fee. The fee payable by other persons is fixed at One Rupee per each inspection.

The Assessment Books are to seen at the office of the Assistant Municipal Commissioner and Assessor, Apollo House, Fort.

All complaints against such assessment must be made to the undersigned, in writing, at the Office three days before the 15th August. By order of the Municipal Commissioner,

JOHN F. HUTCHINSON.
Assistant Municipal Commissioner and Assessor.

Assist. Munl. Comr. and Assr.'s Office, Bombay, 1st Aug. 1869.

In the matter of Act XIX. of 1850, and of the ALLIANCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given, that CONTRIBUTORIES who FAIL to PAY on or before the 2nd proximo, the CALL of Rs. 50, made by the High Court in the matter of the above Corporation, will be LIABLE to ARREST after that date.

G. R. WILSON, } Official Liquidators.
A. THOMSON, }

MR. DOUGLAS CAMPBELL STEWART is authorised to SIGN our FIRM per PROCURATION from THIS DATE. CAMPBELL, MITCHELL, & Co.

Bombay, 31st July, 1869.

FOR SALE, the Barque SOOLOO, classed A 1, 10 years, in Lloyds, 475 tons register.—For price and all particulars apply to

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Bombay, 30th July, 1869.

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Finest Dry Sparkling	Rs.	36
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Amoroso, very choice and full flavoured	,,	28	
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Old and very choice EAST INDIA MADEIRA	,,	33	

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Chateau Mouton, Gold capsule	Rs.	30	Rs. 16
Chateau Rauzan, Black capsule	,,	23	,, 14
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Sauterne, Red capsule	,,	22	

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HUNT BARSAC	,,	14 ,,

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1st Chateau Margaux	,, 1 ,,	16	,,
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do. Moselle Muscatel	do. ... ,,	22
do. Moselle No. 2	Titus Newhouse ... ,,	20
do. Moselle No. 2	do. ... Pints	31
do. Moselle No. 1	do. ... Quarts	22
do. Moselle No. 1	do. ... Pints	23
STILL HOCK.		
Queen Victoria Vineyard	G. M. Fabelmann Son Quarts	54
do.	do. ... ,,	48
Marcobrunner	do. ... ,,	30
Boxbentel Steinwein	do. ... ,,	24
Liebfraumilch	Gobr. Schmits ..... ,,	18
Hochheimer	do. ... ,,	26
Schloss Johannisberg	do. ... ,,	32
Rudesheimer	do. ... ,,	36
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Bages Pauliac	R. G. Hobbs & Co... ,,	34
Milon Pauliac	do. ... ,,	28
Clos Fourlet St. Emillion	H. & C. Balaresque. ,,	24
Vrai canon	do. ... ,,	24
Chateau de Frauds	do. ... ,,	19
Chateau Larose	H. Hermozant & Co. ,,	19
Chateau Leoville	do. ... ,,	19
Baumes Sauterne Superior Monthenil Frane fils Aine do.	,,	36
Chateau Bel Air St. Julien Medoc	do. ... ,,	24
Chateau Dalcrone Margaux	do. ... ,,	24
SUNDRY WINES AND BRANDIES.		
Sherry No. 4	Titus Newhouse ... Quarts	26
Old Champagne Cognac	H. & C. Balaresque. ,,	22
Brandy	H. Hibelot & Co ... ,,	20
do.	R. G. Hobbs & Co... ,,	24
Old Cognac	do. ... ,,	30
Absinthe	do. ... ,,	30
Burgundy Porto	do. ... ,,	12
do.	do. ... ,,	16
Best Old Cognac	do. ... ,,	30
do.	Blanchy Freres & Co ,,	30
Brandy	John Bakes ... ,,	15
Benekamp of Maagbitter	H. Underberg Albrecht... ,,	20
Magenbitter	Idocius Roberts ... ,,	20

Terms—Cash.

Bombay, January 1869. VOLKART BROTHERS.

WANTED.

NOTICE.—WANTED, a CLERK to be STOREKEEPER in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Aden, on a salary of Rs. 65 per mensem, with prospect of increase to Rs. 75.

None need apply who is not able to keep Store accounts.

Application to be made on or before the 2nd proximo to
KAHANDAS MUNCHARAM,
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TO BE LET, several Rooms and Godowns in Grant Buildings. Apply to the Manager, Land Mortgage Bank of India, Limited, Parsee Bazaar Street.

TO LET, from 1st proximo, the TOP FLOOR of the House No. 3 in Meadow Street, at present occupied by Mrs. Horn, the Milliner—suitable for a Family—with Cookroom on the ground floor. For Rent and other particulars apply to M. B. COHEN & Co.

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29th January 1869.

N. B.—Orders from Up-country promptly attended to.

NOTICES.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

MONSOON WATERPROOF SUITS.—Messrs. BADHAM & Co. have received a large supply of the best make, consisting of
Coats—Leggins—Caps, ventilated.

Messrs. BADHAM and COMPANY,
HOSIERS, GLOVERS, and GENERAL WAREHOUSEMEN.
Apollo House. Bombay.

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To the late EARLS CANNING and ELGIN; and SIR JOHN MAIR LAWRENCE, G.C.B., K.S.I.

The present Viceroy and Governor-General, His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the EARL OF MAYO, K.P.

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MESSRS. BADHAM and COMPANY beg to announce the arrival Overland of special selections in their departments for the above season.

HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.	Rs.	Rs.
BADHAM'S Fine Bro. Cotton Socks, per dozen	12	to 21
BADHAM'S Superfine do. do.	18	,, 21
BADHAM'S Balbriggan embossed Silk	25	
BADHAM'S Silk Striped and Fancy	15	,, 20
BADHAM'S Mixed Silk and Cotton	25	
BADHAM'S Superfine Grey and Mixed Merino	13	,, 18½
BADHAM'S Extra Superfine do. Mixed Striped	19	,, 24
BADHAM'S Lisle Thread ½ Hose	20	
BADHAM'S Do. do. Fancy Striped	23	
BADHAM'S Fancy and Striped Silk Socks	25	,, 45
BADHAM'S Ribbed Knickerbocker Stockings for Shikaring, &c., per pair	3	,, 6
BADHAM'S Celebrated India Gauze Under Vests	4½	
BADHAM'S Silk and Wool Pants	6	,, 8
BADHAM'S Bathing Drawers, Plain and Fancy Striped	2½	

SHIRT DEPARTMENT.

BADHAM'S Wove Flax or Prince of Wales' Shirting, a new material, absorbing and comfortable for the Rains	8½	
BADHAM'S Spun Silk, all colours and new patterns	12½	
BADHAM'S Wove Flannel and Printed Shirtly	10	
BADHAM'S Silk and Wool Indispensible	10½	
BADHAM'S French Printed Shirts	60	to 70
BADHAM'S Long Cloth Shirts	45	
BADHAM'S Cambric Linen Fronts and Cuffs	55	,, 65
BADHAM'S Dress Shirts, Plaited and Embroidered Fronts ..... each	7	,, 30

SCARF AND TIE DEPARTMENT.

BADHAM'S SCARFS and TIES.	The Zoo	3 0
	The Rotton Row	3 0
	The Bond Street	3 0
	The Latest Novelty	3 0
	The O. K. Thing	3 0
	The Baden Badeh	3 0
	The Harrogate	3 0

TRAVELLING DEPARTMENT.

BADHAM'S	Overland Trunks, Patent Sock Steel, Protection Ribbs, with Brass Screws—highly recommended	20 to 32
BADHAM'S	Solid leather Portmanteaus	50 to 70
BADHAM'S	Railway do.	16 ,, 30
BADHAM'S	Courier Bags	10 ,, 16
BADHAM'S	Real Morocco Courier Bags	10 ,, 16
BADHAM'S	Clothes Bags	5 ,, 6½
BADHAM'S	Whitney Rugs	12 ,, 30
BADHAM'S	Scotch Mauds	12 ,, 34
BADHAM'S	Red Blankets per pair	25

Overland Chairs, Rug Straps, Cholera Belts.

HAT DEPARTMENT.

BADHAM'S NAPLES FELTS.	Falkland	Drab latest shape		10 0
	Eglington	Tall		
	Jerome			
	Cantab			
	Isis	Drab		7 8
	Derby	and		
	Worthing	Black		
	Brighton			
BADHAM'S DRESS HATS.	Falkland	The new shape		14 0
	Eglington	Extra quality		
	Lincoln and Bennetts			16 0

COLLAR DEPARTMENT.

BADHAM'S	Pall Mall	per doz.	7 8
BADHAM'S	,, with Tie		7 8
BADHAM'S	Belgium		7 0
BADHAM'S	Shakspeare		7 0
BADHAM'S	,, with Tie		7 8
BADHAM'S	Regent		7 0
BADHAM'S	Indian		7 0
BADHAM'S	West End improved		7 0
BADHAM'S BRACES AND BELTS.	Guyot's French Braze		2 8
	Ex Long India Rubber		3 0
	United Service		3 0
	Briddle Leather Belts		3 0
	Patent do. do.		3 0
BADHAM'S ANGOLAS, RIDING CORDS, VESTINGS AND COATINGS.	Latest productions, all well shrunk, for Dress, Riding, Shooting and Hunting Suits. Special white Serges for Cricket and Boating. The Goods are obtained from the best manufactures, and are specially selected for India.		
BADHAM'S OVERLAND KIT.	The attention of Travellers is directed to this important Department. Those passing through Bombay with little time to spare will find every quisite for a sea or land journey ready for use.		
ELLWOOD HELMETS.	Hunting / Shooting / Riding / Walking With patent Inner-band, fits any Shaped Head. A splendid protection.		
HAWKES' HELMETS.	The new Regulation Helmet bearing the name of Hawkes, patentee, inside.		

BADHAM'S JEWELLERY.	Gold Solitaires, plain	15	to 30
	do. do. chased	15	,, 20
	do. do. enameled	16	,, 30
	Gold Sleeve Links	18	,, 20s
	do. Shirt Studs	14	,, 90
	do. Collar Studs	8	,, 16
	do. Scarf Ring	10	,, 15
	do. Scarf Pins, latest novelties	10	,, 30

A large assortment of Lund's patent Solitaires and Studs looks equal to solid Gold at half the price.

BADHAM'S LINENS.	Damask Napkins of all sizes		
	Damask Table Clocks to dine four to twenty		
	Gent's Cambric Handkerchiefs	12½	to 25
	Gent's Cambric Handkerchiefs, Gold Border	6½	5, 16½
	Gent's French Cambric Photos, a novelty		30

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SHARE MARKET.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

PORT CANNING shares were sold at Rs. 325, but again revived and closed at Rs. 355. New Freres have gone down to Rs. 220. The Old Bank of Bombay shares were in demand at Rs. 60 each. Market steady for other shares.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nomi. value of sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	10 p.ct.	Agra Bank	126 nl.
12,000	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1675
10,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	612½
5,259	1,000	au.	7½ p.ct.	Ditto of Madras	1,620
30,000	250	all	6 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	355
4,000	200	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of L. & C.	210
13,500	500	250	8 do.	Delhi and London	200
37,000	250	125	9 do.	National Bank of India	145
60,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	415

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,500	330 ps	Akbar Cotton Press Co.,	2,325
200	2,000	1,100	200 ps	Albert Co. Kurrachee	900
200	3,000	850	200 do.	Alexandra Press Co.	625
	12,000	11,000	1700 ps	Apollo Press Co.	10,300
200	2,000	all	400 do.	Bombay Press Co.	2,300
200	500	all	100 do.	Do. New	575
500	1,500	all	100 do.	Colaba Press Co	11,400
300	3,000	all	...	East India Press Co	1,200
150	8,500	all	1000 ps	Fort Press Co.	10,500
300	2,000	1,800	100 ps	Framji Cowasji Press	1,325
200	4,000	all	425 ps	Hydraulic Press Co.	5,000
200	5,000	2,000	...	Kurrachee Press Co.	1,025
2,500	1,000	500	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	365
120	2,500	all	400 ps	Prince of Wales Press	2,900
225	2,000	750	...	Victoria Press, Madras.	1,300
150	2,000	all	...	Tinnevelly Press Co.	1,050

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 80	Colaba Land Co.	1,720
10,800	1,000	all	Rs. 20	Elphinstone Land	1,020
10,800	1,000	650	11-12	Do. New	650
7,600	1,000	all	Nil	Frere Land	120
2,000	5,000	4,100	Nil	Mazagon Land	1,25
5,000	2,000	1,300	Nil	Port Canning	320

SHIPPING COMPANY.

1,000 | 5,000 | 3,500 | 1,300 | Bombay Ship Co. ..... | 1,220

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	875
500	2,500	all	80	Alliance Spinning	1,700
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay	2,900
900	1,000	all	10 p.c.	Bombay United	700
800	500	all	12 p.c.	Broach Mills	265
300	5,000	all	...	Coorla Spinning	1,925
750	2,000	all	300	Great Eastern	1,500
2,500	1,000	all	50	Manockji Petit's	690
800	2,500	all	...	Oriental	1,300
600	2,500	2,300	...	Royal	1,400

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	218.3.0	5 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	227
...	£20	196.8.8	do.	Do. New £20 shares	198
...	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1120
...	£15	196.5.3	do.	Do. New Shares	Par.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1,000	2,500	1,500	...	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	950
4,000	50	all	5	Mechanics' B'ld'g Co.	33—35
500	2,000	300	2	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	190
2,000	500	all	Nil	Treasher & Co.	240—250

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

	Date of Liquidation		
500	50 Jan. '36	Bank of Bombay	60
25	131 ...	Do. China	3—3½
200	25 Sept. '67	B'bay Trdg & B'kg	6
200	40 Sept. '67	Brokers' Bank	15
250	... Mar. '66	Central Bank	6
...	...	East India Bank's	15—16
200	10 Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula	6
200	63 May '67	Royal Bank	12
130	66 Apr. '67	Old Financial	7

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

5,200	1,750 Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	370
3,500	2,400 ...	B'bay & Bengal	8. 125

RAILWAY RETURNS.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic Week ending 25th July, 1869.

	Open 572 Miles.	Rs.	a.	p
Coaching		53,475	8	3
Merchandize		1,24,911	13	1
Electric Telegraph		1,173	3	0
Earth Trains		1,252	8	0
	Total Rs.	1,80,813	0	4
Corresponding week last year upon 874½ Miles	Total Rs.	1,90,985	8	8
	Decrease Rs.	10,172	8	4

MILITARY.

ARRIVAL—July 26, [illegible] from England.
DEPARTURE—July 26, [illegible] for Poona.

BRIGADE ORDERS

By Brigadier General R. Pratt, C.B., Commanding Poona Brigade.

Poona, 26th July 1869.

The undermentioned officers have obtained leave of absence:—
20th Regiment.—Major E. F. Chadwick, for five days from 1st proximo, on station leave.
86th Regiment.—Captain C. W. Hutton, for four days from 1st proximo, on station leave.

ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Poona, 29th July, 1869.

In reference to G. O. C. dated 16th September 1857, para 3, which is hereby cancelled, and in assimilation with Her Majesty's regiments respecting the marks of distinction for good conduct, the following instructions will be followed in the native army of the Presidency:—

The distinction for infantry of a single strap of regulation lace in the form of a chevron reversed is to be worn on the right arm one inch above the cuff, centre point uppermost.

The lace will be supplied by the Clothing Department according to the number of single badges required for the above purpose with regimental tunics.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—30TH JULY.

London	Cotton	£1 10s. 0d.	Nominal per ton
	Cases	£1 7s. 6d.	to £1 10s. 0d. ,,
	Seeds	£1 0s. 0d.	to £1 3s. 0d. ,,
	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 7s. 6d.	to £1 12s. 6d. ,,
Liverpool	Wooden Ships ,,	£1 5s. 0d.	to £1 10s. 0d. ,,
	Myrabolms & Coir bdls	£0 10s. 0d.	to £0 12s. 6d. ,,
	Seeds	£0 17s. 6d.	to £1 0s. 0d. ,,
Havre	Cotton	£2 0s. 0d.	Nominal. ,,
	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland	Steamers	£3 15s. 0d.	to £4 0s. 0d.
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 10	per bale.
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30	per chest.
	Sailing Ships		Nominal
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 2 8 0	to 2 12 0 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 13 to 14 and Calcutta Port Charges	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.	

ARRIVAL.

July	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
30	Victoria Cross	Cowley	Liverpool, May 8.

DEPARTURE.

July	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
30	Prince of Wales	O'Grady	Callao.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—
Ship Lord Strathmairn, Reid, to Java.
Ship Aleppo, Fleming, to Calcutta.
Ship Reunion, Fernand, to Bussorah.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Neera, to Aden and Suez.
Steamer Salsette, to Aden and Suez.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVAL.

July 25 Oriental (s) ..... Day ..... Bombay, July 6.

DEPARTURES.

July 25 Arabia (s) ..... ——— ..... ———
Meinam (s) ..... ——— ..... ———
Glenroy ..... ——— ..... ———

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

July 23 Wm. Stewart ..... Cook ..... Bombay.
24 Latona ..... Hunt ..... Tondemanaar.

DEPARTURES.

July 25 Crusader ..... ——— ..... London.
Latona ..... Hunt ..... Calcutta.

JOB PRINTING in all its BRANCHES.—Ornamental Printing in Colours and in Gold. Bills, Broadsides, Theatrical and Musical Programmes, Cards of all description; Banking and Mercantile Ledgers, Memo. Heads, &c., &c.; Machine-ruling and Paging; and Bookbinding. Estimates forwarded on application to the Manager.
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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BENGAL.

BIRTH.

MAGOR—July 25th, at Calcutta, No. 3, Short's Bazar, the wife R. B. Magor, Esq., of a son.

DEATH.

DANBY—July 21st, on board the P. and O. Company's steamer Deccan, between Calcutta and Madras, S. Danby, Esq., of Calcutta, aged 33 years.

MADRAS.

MARRIAGES.

CLAY—GORDON—July 22nd, at St. Thomas' Mount, by the Rev. C. R. Drury, M.A., Albert O'Halloran Clay, Madras Staff Corps, to Beatrice Anna, youngest daughter of the late Captain James Gordon, of Joybank, Nairn, N. B.

HARCOURT—HAWKSWORTH—July 22nd, at All Saints', Coonoor, by the Rev. J. McKee, D. D., assisted by the Rev. R. R. Maddox, C. M. S., the Rev. Vincent W. Harcourt, C. M. S., to Mary Caroline, eldest daughter of the late Rev. John Hawksworth, C. M. S., of Travancore.

DEATH.

CAMPBELL—July 19th, at the Residency, Hyderabad, Millicent Agnes Henrietta, infant daughter of Captain Alex. H. E. Campbell, 2nd Madras Cavalry.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTHS.

COTTON—July 23rd, at Simla, Mrs. Gordon Cotton, the wife of Gordon Cotton, C.E., Delhi Division, of a son.

BRADSHAW—July 23rd, at Simla, the wife of Assistant Surgeon A. F. Bradshaw, R. H. A., Surgeon to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, of a son.

ROBERTS—July 23rd, at Nynee Tal, the wife of J. P. Roberts, Esq., C. E., Executive Engineer, D. P. W., of a daughter.

DEATH.

BROWNLOW—July 22nd, at Mussoorie, Alice Mary, daughter of Major H. A. Brownlow, R. E., aged 4 years and 9 months.

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G. C. REYNELL, Hon. Secretary.

Bombay, 23rd June, 1869.

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"Bombay Gazette" Office, July 15th, 1869.

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Bombay Gazette Office, Bombay.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1869.

WHEN Lord Derby sanctioned the coalition between Mr. Disraeli and Mr. Lowe in 1866, he did not foresee one single consequence except that he and his friends would surely come into power. He did not foresee the voting of household suffrage, and least of all did it enter into his dreams that Queen Victoria, in 1869, would give her assent to a bill disestablishing and disendowing the Irish Church. Inclined, at first, to accept the Reform Bill of '66 as a settlement of the question, Lord Derby yielded to the counsels of those who thought it needful that the Conservatives should be refreshed by the good things of office, and he swamped the statesman in the partisan. Once in, he thought of nothing but victory; Mr. Disraeli was again permitted to manœuvre as he pleased; not only Mr. Lowe, but Lord Salisbury and General Peel, were sacrificed without hesitation, and Radical substitutes readily admitted to the practical confederacy. The Conservative party was led into a defile, and while, in appearance, Mr. Gladstone was humiliated and the Whigs were "dished," it was Mr. Bright who triumphed—it was the Conservative party that was degraded. Lord Derby offered a practical illustration of the difference between a fighting brigadier and a general—a Rupert and a Cromwell. He gratified his feelings; he swept his enemies before him; he made Mr. Disraeli Premier: then he found his camp sacked, his army routed, Mr. Bright in the Cabinet, and the Irish Church doomed to cease as a State institution. Further, he has had the bitter experience of seeing the House of Lords slip from his guidance, and follow the man whom he sacrificed to the exigencies of Mr. Disraeli; and now the measure, vainly resisted, has received the Royal assent. Lord Derby's epitaph as a statesman may be written in one word—"Frustra." To Mr. Disraeli the consequences were of no moment. In his eyes lords and squires were mere pieces on a board. He played with both for his own satisfaction, without a particle of genuine interest in the effect of his tactics on the fortunes of the men or the fate of the country. It is a trite but a true remark that the dukes and earls and country gentlemen were to him only so many characters in a novel acted out in real life. He at least won his game—made a duke, nominated bishops, gave away garters, led the "proud aristocracy," realized his youthful dreams. *He* can look back with intense satisfaction from his personal point of view; but how bitter and sad must be the retrospect of Lord Derby!

It would be a great mistake to suppose that the Irish Church Act has become law suddenly and without a long and arduous struggle. Those familiar with the political history of the last forty years know that it has been an ever-recurring subject of discussion in and out of Parliament. The triumphs of 1868 and 1869 are, indeed, the effects of immense preparation extending over many years. Abstract debate in books and periodicals has powerfully contributed to form public opinion. The policy pursued in Canada, the removal of political disabilities affecting the Jews, the abolition of compulsory church rates, the course adopted in regard to the ecclesiastical affairs of Jamaica, were so many signs and tokens of the gradual maturing of opinion. Opportunity alone was needed to make the assault practicable; the Fenians furnished an opportunity, and the Conservatives provided the power when they assented to household suffrage.

The exact shape in which the Bill has passed we do not yet know. But it is instructive to contrast the course pursued by Lord Salisbury with that which Lord Derby permitted in 1866. Then the Conservatives gained the emoluments of office, and gave up the elements of power. Instead of amending the Reform Bill in their own sense, they combined to throw it out by indirect means, and afterwards were compelled to surrender everything. Now, under Lord Salisbury's prudent guidance, they have succeeded in materially modifying the Irish Church Bill, and in securing the acceptance of the compromise. The lesson ought not to be lost on either party, and least of all on the Conservatives, who are essentially placed in the position of defenders. Had the same conduct been adopted in 1846 the party would not have been shattered; reuniting after the passage of the Corn Law Bill, Sir Robert Peel would, if he had lived, have probably held power for a decade. But Mr. Disraeli and Lord Derby preferred a plan of bitter hostility, which has profited no one except the adroit politician who climbed into office on the shoulders of Lord George Bentinck. In the future the Conservatives will have many opportunities of showing their skill and prudence, for it is certain that a series of changes will follow the Reform Acts of 1867-8, just as sweeping destructions and reconstructions followed the Reform Act of 1832. The legislation of several sessions must be mainly Irish; and on that field bold and prudential Conservatism ought to shine. How household suffrage will affect India remains to be seen, and the delicate problem, Can a quasi-democracy hold and govern a country like this? has yet to be solved. We have great confidence in the imperial instincts—the "instinct of dominion"—of the British people; but their virtue will be persistently assailed, and it is possible they will not discover how they may be misled until it is too late.

MR. DADABHOY NOWROJEE has no doubt earned the applause which greeted him on his return to England. We have not a word to say relating to one so sincere that is not expressive of respect and admiration. Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine greater disinterestedness than that he has displayed. That the Hindoos should readily subscribe in his honour is not wonderful, for if he succeeds in his object, and those of the journalists who support him so warmly—that of ousting the British from India—*his* race will not benefit by the change. Not the Parsees of Bombay, but the Gaekwars, "Kings of Cutch," chieftains of all sorts who can command iron and rupees, will reap the fruit of Mr. Dadabhoy's labours if he is successful in persuading the householders of Britain to try and build up that Indian "nationality" which our contemporary sees in blissful dreams. Self-sacrifice is always admirable; but although Mr. Dadabhoy is free to prepare a mine under his own feet, it may be doubted whether his kindred and people would like to exchange British for Hindoo rule. We can understand Mr. Dadabhoy saying, "Perish the Parsees, provided an Indian Nation be made," and in sentimental moods sympathise with the romances; but as we are not resigned to the fate which our contemporary would inflict on the British race, so we cannot believe that the Parsees are resigned to the consequences of the doctrines of Mr. Dadabhoy Nowrojee and his allies.

OUR weekly Political Letter and Military Letter seem to have miscarried. If the Post Office has sent them to any other part of India, we shall probably have the satisfaction of getting them about the time the next English mail arrives. It is hardly probable that both missed the post in London.

POONA has resolved to give a farewell entertainment to Lord Napier of Magdala. A meeting was held on Thursday at the house of a leading civilian, and it was resolved that H. E. the Commander-in-Chief should be invited to a dinner, will be the presence of ladies—a variation on routine due to the happy suggestion of Colonel Marriott. A committee was at once appointed to carry out the design. The dinner will take place in the Civil Engineering College. The day has of course not yet been fixed.

WE regret to learn from the "Delhi Gazette" of the sudden death from heart disease of Major-General Jones, at Murree, on the 21st instant. He entered the Indian army in 1815, and more than half a century of his life-time has been spent in India. By all those who knew him well (says our contemporary) he was much respected and beloved. He leaves behind him very many friends, a wife, and a large family to mourn his loss.

WE observe that the Simla Bank has declared a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the operations of the past half-year.

THE Government of India has sanctioned the deputation, for twelve months, of Dr. DeFabeck, of the Deolee Irregular Horse, to supervise the School of Arts, which has lately been established by His Highness the Maharajah of Jeypore.

EVEN these glorious rains are not an unmixed blessing. The sudden rise of the Jumna has evidently swept away some village on its banks. On Saturday the corpse of a woman, scores of cattle, and quantities of thatch and roof poles were seen floating past the fort here (Allahabad). —*Pioneer.*

THE directors of the Bank of Bengal seem not inclined to yield to the pressure put upon them to withdraw their Agency from this city. They say in their report:—"The position of the Agency has of late been the subject of much discussion, but the directors consider its maintenance indispensably necessary for the satisfactory conduct of the Bank's business with Bombay."

SOME experiments in the culture of Hinginghaut cotton have been made in the north Arcot district, but the trials have proved unsuccessful from the want of rain, and although purposing to repeat the experiments, the Collector is of opinion that cotton can never become a staple product in that district, there being something uncongenial to its growth in the soil and climate. —*Madras Times.*

NUNNEH PUROHIT, another member of Rughonath Sing's gang of outlaws, has been captured by the Humeerpore Police. This band has been long kept together by the sympathy and aid which it received from the low caste inhabitants of southern Humeerpore and the adjoining States of Bundelkund; but, owing to the vigorous measures adopted by the Government of the N. W. Provinces, it is now almost completely broken up.

WE ("Madras Times") observe that the Travancore Government has resolved to publish a series of pamphlets on the principal productions of the country. The first has been issued both in English and Malayalum, and is a treatise on the cultivation of the cocoanut tree, the information it contains having been condensed from materials supplied by a large number of ryots who have gained much experience in cocoanut planting.

No wonder (say the "Madras Mail") there has been some delay on the part of the railway in forwarding cotton from Tadpatry to Madras. There has been, we regret to hear, a severe outbreak of cholera at that station. A few days ago the panic was so great that all the company's coolies stopped work, and could not be induced for love or money to load the trucks, though there were 10,000 bales lying at the station ready to be sent down to Madras. The railway authorities are obviously, therefore, in no way to blame for the delay, and are helpless till the coolies can be induced to return to their work. We hope to hear soon that the disease has abated, and in the meantime our sanitary authorities can scarcely be too watchful.

NOTES OF A VISIT TO SOMNATH, GIRNAR, &c.

No. III—PATTAN SOMNATH.

At Kudwar, Pattan Somnath or Prabhas Pattan is in sight and at no great distance,—a place full of interest to the antiquarian. It is a walled town of considerable size, famous in the annals of Hindu history on account of its temple containing one of the *dwadashjoti lingams* or twelve symbols of Mahadeva which were said to have fallen, like the Ephesian Diana, from Heaven. It is one of the *ratnani* or inestimable jewels, for which Surashtra is celebrated in the Puranas,—the other four being the River Gumti, beautiful women, good horses, and lastly Dwaraka The fame of the great temple of Someshwara fired the fanatic zeal of Mahmud of Ghazni, who led an army of thirty-thousand men lightly equipped against it in 1025 A. D., and reduced the fort after an obstinate resistance on the part of the Hindu chiefs who had leagued to defend their shrine. "Fifty-thousand infidels and more," says the *Rozat-us-safa*, "were slain round this temple, which was of vast dimensions." But at length, Mahmud prevailed, destroyed the sacred lingam by a fire lighted round it to break the hardness of the stone, plundered the temple of its immense wealth, and carried off its gates to Ghazni—to appear again in history after a lapse of more than eight centuries,—when gates were brought from Kabul as trophies—believed by some to be those of Somnath. The temple, it is said, was supported by fifty-six pillars, ornamented with rubies, emeralds, and other precious stones; and each of these pillars bore the name of a different king of India as its embellisher. Whether Mahmud destroyed the temple also, we do not know, but it is pretty certain that not a vestige of it now remains, unless it be in the capitals and columns strewn all about and built into the walls of the present temple, of the town, and its houses. It was too profitable to the Brahmans, however, not to be soon restored by the Hindu princes under their influence. Among these its greatest benefactors were probably the Solanki princes of Anahilpattan, and accordingly there is evidence of its having been restored by Bhima Deva I. We find Siddha Raja visiting it about a century after its desecration by Mahmud, and again in A. D. 1168, the great Kumara Pala in search of a way to manifest his piety is advised, by the wily Jaina Acharya, Hemachandra, to restore the temple of Someshwara. And with this is connected a tale that is perhaps worth repeating:—In two years the restoration was completed,—the temple "once more resembled Meru," and the Brahmans, jealous of the influence of the Acharya over the king, tried to entrap him, proposing to Kumara Pala that he should accompany the royal retinue to the dedication. When the proposal was made the Jaina at once replied, "What need of pressing the hungry to eat! pilgrimage is the life of the ascetic; what need is there of an order from the king!" He then started on foot to visit the holy places of his own creed, and met Kumara Pala at Somnath. At the inauguration of the new temple, the Jaina astonished the spectators by his devotions to Shiva. At the threshold of the temple he exclaimed, "In the splendour of this shrine, Mahadeva, who dwells in Kailas, is surely present." Then entering and going through the prescribed gesticulations before the *linga*, he said, "Thou existest, whatever be thy place, whatever be thy time, whatever be thy name, of whatsoever nature thou art. Thou art he in whom is no guilty act, no guiltiness consequent upon the act,—one only god. Praise be to thee! He who has destroyed the affections, which are the seeds that produce the bud of existence, be he Brahma, be he Vishnu, be he Shiva, to him be praise!" Then falling flat on the ground he worshipped Shiva in the *dandavata*. All this was done with an object, and after the ceremonies were over, Kumara Pala and Hemachandra entered the shrine alone, closing the door behind them. Here, the story says, the Acharya made Someshwara reveal himself to the king and address him thus:—"O king, this monk is [illegible] of all the gods, he [illegible] deceit; to him this is given to behold the Divinity as a pearl in his hand; he knows the past, present, and future; understand that the path he shall show you is, without doubt, the road to liberation." The credulous king was caught, and there and then the Jaina administered to him a vow to abstain from animal food and fermented liquor to the end of his life. The temple of Somnath was then left in charge of Vrihaspati Ganda, a Kanauj Brahman; but, perhaps, chagrined at the victory of Hemachandra, he reviled the Jaina religion, for which he was deprived of his place, and only restored to it after making the most humble submission to the influential Acharya.

If the remains that still exist are not those of the temple of Bhima Deva and Kumara Pala, it is difficult to say to whom we owe them. It seems probable that for more than a century after Kumara Pala's time it was unmolested; but the Muhammadan had cast his eyes on the rich province, and at length in 1297 the Sultan, Ala-ud-din Khilji sent his brother Alaf Khan and Nusrat Khan his Prime Minister, to effect the conquest of Gujarat. Then it was that the idol shrines suffered, and the famous idol of Somnath was again destroyed. A century later in 1395 Muzaffar Shah I. led an expedition against Pattan, and destroying all the Hindu temples, he built mosks in their places, or more probably he converted them into mosks, and again in 1413 Ferishta tells us that his grandson and successor Ahmad Shah I. on his return from an expedition against the Ra of Junagadh, "destroyed the temple of Somapur, wherein were found many valuable jewels and other property." Later still Mahmud Shah I. surnamed Begada (1459—1511) is named by Hindu tradition, as having sent an army to reduce the place, when he built a mosk on the site of the temple: but perhaps there is some mistake about this last expedition. The building, however, still attests that the Moslim only desecrated the Hindu temple, defaced its sculptures, and converted it into a place of worship for the followers of Islam, but did not raze it.

This famous ruin occupies a rising ground, probably a rock with a coating of soil upon it, close to the sea shore. It faces the east, and on the south side there are still considerable remains of the old Hindu sculptures, much resembling those at Amarnath, but on a larger scale. On the other sides, the outer facing of the walls has been almost entirely removed: indeed, till recently, this fine old ruin has been used as a sort of quarry from which to obtain building stones. The pyramidal roof of the *mandap* and the great spire over the shrine had been destroyed by the Muhammadans and hemispherical domes substituted in their place. Over the eastern entrance they erected two clumsy minarets, and threw arches in between the pillars of the central octagon which support the dome. The diameter of this octagon is about 33 feet, and the greatest width of the mandap inside is 64 feet, its length up to the door of the shrine being nearly 70 feet. The shrine itself is 18 feet 9 inches square inside, and there has been a *pradakshana* round it; but it is hard to say what the Muhammadans may have destroyed behind this. The floor has been of polished black stone or marble, some fragments of which are still found. Both the domes are now open above, and the whole has evidently been for long the haunt of cattle rather than of devotees—Moslim or Hindu. To compensate for its loss to her religion and its local attendants the Sompada Brahmans the famous Ahilya Bai, wife of one of the Holkars, built another temple—New Somnath, in the town, but if the hand of time only has to do with both, it will be a neglected ruin, before its aged predecessor is greatly changed.

In the town is the *Surya Kund*—as the Hindus call it,—a remarkable remnant of their architecture. It has been defaced, and patched, and altered now, but when first completed it must have been a work of much elegance, forming the colonnade round a large tank—long ago filled up, except a small pond about nine yards square in one corner of the enclosure. This colonnade has had at least three rows of pillars on three of its sides and seven on the fourth,—in which are five octagonal areas each about 20 feet across. The columns still standing, some of them imbedded in the outer walls, are about two hundred and fifty in number, and nearly all of them have been carved in the most elaborate style of Hindu art. A wall has been built in, connecting the outer row of pillars, and a *mimbar* and *mihrab* have been formed to adapt it to Moslim worship.

Near this is a plain building, its walls outside covered with plaster, and apparently an ordinary Muhammadan house with scarcely any windows: inside, however, it proves to have been a Jaina temple of an interesting type and said to have a cellar (*bhoiaroun*) under it. It is now used as a storehouse by a Musalman who says it has been in his family for at least a hundred and fifty years.

A little to the north of Pattan Somnath there is a large cluster of sacred places, many of them very unpretending in appearance, but each with its legend or associations. First is *Triveni*—'three plaited locks'—the junction of the three rivers Hiranya, Kapala and Saraswati,—a *tirtha* for pilgrims bathing, and without a visit to which the pilgrimage to Dwaraka would scarcely be considered complete. Further out is the temple of Rudreshwar, built on the site of an older temple of Kedareshwar, destroyed by the Muhammadans,—some of the columns and sculpture of which, however, have been employed in the restored building. Beside it is the *darga* of Muhammad Shah;—for Islamite superstition is fond of thrusting itself into notice in the scenes where it has displayed its iconoclastic fanaticism. This *darga*, and that of Abbi Shah, a little farther out, are but miserable places, scarcely worth a visit, unless it be to half suffocate one's self in the labyrinth of little cells at the back of the first. Beyond some quarries is the old temple of Surya Narayan, whose dome and spire have suffered at the hands of violence, but have been plastered over to keep out the rain. It is architecturally interesting as marking a transition from the style of the Bhimnath temple to a more modern one. Under it is a cellar or cave.

On the banks of the River Hiranya we find *Deva Swarga*—an old pipal tree with a very small temple beside it, and some huts forming a monastery: this is a place of great sanctity, for under the pipal, of which the present one is a traditionary scion, Krishna lay down to rest at noon, when a Bhill,—mistaking his tawny coverlet for a deer, or the mark on his foot for the eyes of one—sped an arrow with such mortal force as bereft his godship of life. It is curious to observe the forms in which Islamite devotion thrusts itself obtrusively to notice, and how zealously it outrages the feelings of the weaker; while despising the superstition of the Hindus it here consecrates a place of prayer for its votaries under their sacred tree and desecrates its vicinity by making it a place of graves. The Hindus have, many a time since its erection, had the power to destroy the offensive and ugly wall, but they do not seem possessed of such aggressive and iconoclastic propensities. South from the last are the small shrines of Koteshwara—or the million lingams, containing only large fragments of the symbol; and Bhimeshwara or Bhimnath now much dilapidated. Not far from these is *Bhalka Kund* a reservoir—empty at least in the dry season—in excellent repair, about three hundred and eighty yards in circumference and forming a regular polygon of sixteen sides, with three oval apertures on one for the entrance of the water. To the west of Pattan, the spire of the Sheshi Bhushan or Bhidiyo temple attracts the eye by its height—owing principally, however, to

ATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, 28TH JULY, AFT.

Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was steady.
Dhollera, May and June shipments, 10¼d.
ships Dundee and David Malcomson have
d from Bombay.

THE BOMBAY MAIL.

The Bombay Mail of the 29th ultimo was delivered in London on the 27th instant.

The Carnatic left Suez for Bombay on the 25th instant at 11 A.M. (7 hours before the contract time).

THE PORT CANNING COMPANY.

[BY INDIAN TELEGRAPH.]

CALCUTTA, 29TH JULY, AFT.

The annual meeting of the Port Canning Company was held to-day. Committees of inspection were appointed to examine the accounts and to revise the articles of association.

A call of Rs. 100 per share is to be made immediately.

THE NEW BANK OF BOMBAY.

(*Pioneer.*)

The New Bank of Bombay has a very satisfactory account to render to its shareholders for the past half-year, notwithstanding *that* Bank of Bengal Agency, whose presence in their midst is driving the Bombay community almost wild. The net profits amount to Rs. 3,22,460-8-7, being at the rate of 12¾ per cent. per annum. This is a very satisfactory result for a new Bank, only in the second year of its existence, and is highly creditable to Mr. Balfour, the able Secretary and Treasurer, whose ability as a banker is well known on this side of India.

A SCANDAL.

LUCKNOW, *25th July.*—A scandal has been engaging our city magistrate's court the last day or two. A lady is mixed up in the matter; but the details of the whole affair are so little creditable to any one that I need scarcely say more than that an officer of the commission has been fined Rs. 200 for assault and battery, and a number of his native myrmidons have been mulcted in Rs. 25 each for aiding and abetting. The assault seems to have been an unfair one; nevertheless, however, great provocation brought on the attack, which appears to have been effected in the *assailter's own house.* All this was doubtless wrong.—*Pioneer.*

THE AHMEDNUGGUR MEETING.

JULY 24TH.—Some excellent sport is promised this meeting. H. H. Aga Khan's *Speculation* has made his first appearance on the course, also *Syed Ahmed* and *Shaheen.* The latter appears in splendid condition and ought to win the purse presented by the Aga—that is to say, if His Highness runs for his own purse, which, it is said, he will not do. If such be the case, it ought to be notified in good time. Captain Dent's *Pioneer* is working away; some think his actions rather too high for any great speed. Colonel Vyse's *The Aga*, late *Fairie*, seems to be in good order, and has improved immensely in his action. If Captain Thoyt's galloway had a little more flesh on him he would stand the best chance of winning the Maiden Galloway Plate. Already we have the stables of the following gentlemen in training:—Mr. F. Richardson, Colonel Vyse, Major Chessyre, Captain Dent, Captain Napier, Captain Straubenzie, Captain Daniel H. H. Aga Khan, Captain Thoyts. And we daily expect the horses of Colonel Murray from Aurungabad, Mr. Hogg from Seroor, and those of Mr. Framjee, Mr. Jones and Major Blowers from Poona—so that you see we shall have a very good meeting.—*Deccan Herald.*

MADRAS TO BOMBAY.

(*Madras Mail.*)

It is with much pleasure we announce that at the beginning of next year postal communication will be established with Bombay *via* the north-west line of railway. The Government of India has very properly been bringing its influence to bear upon the companies, and the result is that the works remaining to be completed are to be pushed on with all possible activity. The line from Bhosawul to Jubbulpore, which will complete the connection between Bombay and Calcutta will, it is expected, be ready by the end of the year, and it has doubtless been thought desirable that through railway communication with Madras should, if possible, be established about the same time. The line between Gooty and Goolburga, however, requires a good deal to be done to it yet. There are three large bridges to be finished, viz., that over the Toongaboodra on the Madras line, and those over the Kistna and the Caugnee on the Bombay line. The Toongaboodra bridge is already in a very advanced stage, and that over the Caugnee should be nearly finished; but the Kistna bridge, the most formidable work in the shape a bridge on the whole line between Madras and Bombay, is not yet commenced. We have on several occasions pointed out that it was not necessary to wait for the completion of these large works before making use of that portion of the railway which is finished, and we are glad to see that the Government of India has at length come to the same conclusion. The Toongaboodra and Kistna bridges are not more than thirty miles apart, and during nine or ten months of the year the rivers may be very easily crossed both by mails and passengers. There is besides a made road right across the Raichore Doab, running almost parallel with the line of railway, by which mails and passengers could be conveyed. To retard the opening of the railway, therefore, on account of the unfinished state of two large bridges is obviously unnecessary. The Bombay Government seems to be fully satisfied on this point, for it has given orders for the G. I. P. line to be opened as far as Shahabad—which is sixteen miles on the Madras side of Goolburga—on the 1st January next. Where the permanent bridges are not yet finished, temporary ones are to be erected, which will simply serve to carry the mail trains. The opening of the line on the Bombay side to Shahabad will leave only 54 miles of road to be traversed by dâk runners and horses; as from the Kistna river to Gooty there is a fair, and in some places an excellent, mail cart road.

With the new route established we may expect a marked reduction in the time now taken to carry a letter or newspaper between Madras and Bombay. At present, as we need hardly remind many of our readers, the mails coming from Bombay to Madras are carried only to Poona by railway; thence to Bangalore by mail cart; and from Bangalore to Madras by railway again. That is, the mails are carried by the railroad for a distance of 335 miles only, while by mail cart they are carried near upon 500 miles! A glance at the following figures will show what an improvement is in store for us. The mails by the new route will be carried in this wise:—

From Bombay to Shahabad, by rail,	368	miles.
" Shahabad to Kistna, by runners,	94	do.
" Kistna to Gooty, by mail cart,	100	do.
" Gooty to Madras, by rail,	255	do.
	787	

Now according to the railway tables, the time taken for the transmission of mails by this route should be very near as follows:—

Bombay to Shahabad, ...	24 hours.
Shahabad to Gooty	24 do.
Gooty to Madras	14 do.
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or about *two days and half.* These calculations are based on the supposition that the mails are carried by the ordinary trains only, and that the mail carts and dâk runners will travel at the rate of about six miles an hour which is three miles an hour less than what the Post Office horses are supposed to be capable of doing. But if the Government should decid to run special trains for the conveyance of the overland mails, there is no reason why the above speed should not be materially improved. Our English letters and papers might indeed be then easily brought from Bombay to Madras in *one day and half.* The rate of speed estimated by the Post Office authorities is 20 miles an hour by rail, and 9 miles an hour by mail carts. Taking these figures as a basis of calculation, the total railway journey (368+265=633 miles) should be accomplished in 32 hours, and the total dâk (say 160 miles) in about 18 hours, making a total of 50 hours.

The new route will not offer many facilities to passengers till the railway works are a little more advanced. So soon as the Bombay line has been finished to the Kistna, which will not be later, we should think, than June 1870, the route will be quite practicable for passengers to and from Bombay. The north-west line will then indeed become, what it would have been years ago, if the projectors of our railways had excised a little more foresight, the main channel of communication between Madras and Bombay.

Two members of the Société des Gens de Lettres fought a duel at Paris on July 7. The cause of the meeting was a conversation in which M. P—— accused M. S—— of having appropriated the subject of a novel he had confided to him. One of the combatants was wounded in the thumb, whereupon the seconds interposed, and the parties separated.

TUNDIANI.

TUNDIANI is a small hill station due north of Murree and north-east of Abbottabad. It has a beautiful climate, and is said to be one of the healthiest sites in the Hazara ranges. It is only some eight miles, as the crow flies, from the Cashmere border on the east, and about the same distance on the west, from the high road which runs up from the Grand Trunk Road at Kola-ka-Serai through Hurripore, Abbottabad, Manserah, and Gurhi into Cashmere. The people all around the country are a peaceable race, entirely devoted to agriculture. In the year 1850, Major Abbott, Deputy Commissioner of Hazara, built a house for himself at Tundiani, but as he did not often reside there, the house in a few years gradually fell into ruin. From 1850 to 1862 no houses were built, but the hill was frequently visited by the residents of Abbottabad—officers and ladies—who resided there in tents. In 1866 an entirely new road was commenced upon from Abbottabad to the summit of the hill. The old road was so rugged and steep that repairs were frequently needed to keep it passable, and it was of little use to the countrypeople, as there was no water along the hottest part of it. The new line has opened up a number of villages by following the native road, and there are several springs of good water along the parts that are most exposed to the heat. From that time Tundiani began to attract greater attention, and it now contains eleven houses (five masonry and six wooden), a drinking water tank of masonry, a bazaar, and an excellent road connecting it with Abbottabad, and a masonry rest-house half-way.

At one time the Government of India entertained the idea of abandoning this station, on the ground that it might cause much anxiety in times of trouble, and necessitate the detachment of troops for its protection. But the information now received from the Punjab Government shows that there is no ground for such apprehensions, the place being quite secure from all ordinary danger, and the Governor-General in Council has therefore consented to its retention.

The above information has been officially communicated to the press.

TURKISTAN.

STILL later news from Turkistan continue to present a favourable picture. The crisis seems to have passed. All is quiet in this sense, that no force is in arms against the Ameer's authority. This may be the lull before a storm, but if so the storm is coming from the Ameer's side. General Daood Khan is rapidly approaching with a force which will render insurrection hopeless. The dissatisfaction amongst the troops previously in occupation of the province has been appeased by the partial distribution of pay; but it is probable, nevertheless, that they will be relieved by the new regiments under Daood Khan. The attack on Sherabad by the troops of Bokhara appears to have been no *invasion*, inasmuch as Sherabad is a dependency of Bokhara; and it was justified by the independent attitude assumed by the Meers of the province, who thought that as their precious Suzerain was in difficulties they might defy him with impunity. We do not blame them; but we cannot justly represent the re-assertion of his old authority by the King of Bokhara as a hostile act towards the Ameer of Cabul. The Bokhara force was commanded, not by Toorajan, but by another son of the King, Kitti Tinra, who certainly seems to have made short work of Sherabad. It seems likely enough that Ishak Khan, the son of Azim Khan, really is with the Bokharian army, but whether more as ally or prisoner we do not know. It is known that he utterly failed in extracting pecuniary help from the King of Bokhara, whose own difficulties, indeed, about his tribute to the Russians, furnished an unimpeachable excuse for parsimony. As to Ishak Khan' threatened attack on Kolab, such a thing would be impossible with any force he can independently command, and it is in the highest degree improbable that Katti Tinra will allow himself to be made a cat's paw for the purpose. Moreover the local Chiefs endangered, the Meers of Kolab and Badakshan have coalesced and announced their joint adhesion to the Ameer. Shere Ali is not a man to lull himself into deceptive security, and the best evidence that he is quite re-assured on the matter of Turkistan as of Herat, is that he is giving his mind to the drawing up of an Army List and translating an English Manual of Platoon Exercise into Pushtoo! The transformation which is taking place in the character of the Ameer's authority is very curious. At the time of his departure for Umballa, Yakoob Khan and Ismail Khan each almost overshadowed the Ameer. Now Ismail Khan, though treated with deference, has been deprived of all power, and Yacoob Khan has subsided into silent subordination. Shere Ali is doing for himself what Richelieu did for Louis XIII., and may soon be able to say like Louis XIV.—*L'etat c'est moi.*—*Pioneer.*

BOMBAY.

WE are requested to state that Mr. Menist, oculist optician, intends to leave Bombay on the 8th August.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN JONES OF THE SHIP HYDRABAD.—We regret to hear that Captain Jones, of the ship Hydrabad, which vessel cleared for Melbourne a few days ago, died of cholera early yesterday morning.

BOOKS FOR SEAMEN.—The Rev. Wm. Brown Keer acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a parcel of books, periodicals, &c., from Professor Candy, Elphinstone College, for distribution among seamen afloat.

FOUND DROWNED.—Dr. Lumsdaine held an inquest yesterday at the Morgue concerning the death of Dhurmabaee, woman, who was found drowned in a tank at New Nagpada. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

THE FORGERY AT SURAT.—We believe that the case against the Spaniard, named Joseph King, for forging Government currency notes, is to be investigated at Surat before Mr. Jugjeevandas Khooshaldas, full-power magistrate of that station.

DISTURBANCE ON BOARD SHIP—We hear that a serious disturbance, almost amounting to mutiny, occurred on board the ship Catherine Rankin, which vessel got under weigh yesterday for Java; and that the captain and mate were seriously maltreated. Seven of the seamen were brought ashore and placed in jail.

SHOLAPORE SUB-COLLECTORATE.—From the weather report of the Sholapore sub-collectorate for the fortnight ending 15th July, we learn that in some of the talookas there was a good fall of rain, while in others the fall was moderate. The crops sown were in good condition. Cholera prevailed to some extent in almost all the talookas.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by the Band of the 22nd Regt. N. I. at the Esplanade Band-stand this evening, weather permitting.

March.

Overture.....	..Military...	....Embury.
Mazurka.....	Violetta	.....Faust.
Selection.....	La Sonnambula	Bellini.
Waltz	Dream of the Ball ...	Godfrey.
Galop	John Brown.	

OPENING OF A LAW STATIONER'S OFFICE AND SERVANTS' REGISTRY.—We observe that a law stationer's office has been opened in Bombay by Mr. Thomas E. DeCruz, which, if properly conducted, will no doubt be of great service to the legal profession. A circular has been issued by Mr. DeCruz which promises well, and gives the rates for copying, &c. The same gentleman has commenced a registry for domestic servants; such an institution has long been wanted in Bombay, and only requires to be conducted in a proper manner to be widely supported. We certainly hope it will becom a success.

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF A SHIP CAPTAIN.—The case before Mr. Justice Westropp, in which Messrs. Nicol and Co., as the agents for the owners of the City of Tanjore, applied for the removal of Mr. William Forsyth from the command of that ship, was resumed yesterday. Captain Forsyth having had *delirium tremens*, Messrs. Nicol and Co. had temporarily appointed the chief officer to the command, and called on Captain Forsyth to resign his position as captain, which he refused to do. After a hearing, which lasted all day, an order was made, with the consent of counsel on both sides, that plaintiffs withdraw the suit, defendant to relinquish his command, and on payment of his wages, not to bring any further proceedings, his costs, passage money, and expenses to Glasgow to be paid by plaintiffs. His Lordship expressed his opinion that the captain had done nothing morally wrong, but that Messrs. Nicol had been quite justified in bringing the application.

GENERAL FORSTER.—We are glad to learn that General H. Forster, Commanding the Ahmedabad Division, has been gazetted to the Honourable Order of the Bath.—*Deccan Herald.*

LORD NAPIER OF MAGDALA.—We understand that a meeting of the leading gentlemen of Poona was held yesterday at the residence of the Hon'ble Mr. Bellasis for the purpose of arranging matters in connection with a grand entertainment, which is to be given to Lord Napier of Magdala, previous to his departure from amongst us.—*Deccan Herald*, July 30.

STEAMER REPORTS.

MADRAS, 29th, 11 A.M.—Steamer Mcinam sailed for Pondicherry and Galle.

KURRACHEE, 30th, 5 A.M.—Steamer Cashmere arrived from Gwadur with mails.

GWADUR, 30th, 10 A.M.—Mail steamer Abyssinia leaving for Muscat.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 30th, 11 A.M.—Cable communication perfect to Fao; Turkish line right to Constantinople; and Persian line interrupted beyond Shiraz. Latest dates from Great Britain via Turkey, 28th July, via Russia, 12th July.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.

THE following dates of private telegrams were received at the Bombay Telegraph Office during the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday evening:—

United Kingdom, via Turkey, 27th July.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 29th to 8 P.M. of the 30th July is as follows:—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	0 50	0 8
" Calcutta	16 54	3 48
" Madras	6 34	1 24

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity, August 1st, 1869.

ST. THOMAS'S CATHEDRAL.

Daily Prayers—7 A.M. and 5 P.M.

7-30 A.M.—1st Celebration of the Holy Communion.

11 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, and 2nd Celebration of the Holy Communion. Hymns 146 and 203.

5-30 P.M.—Litany.

6 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 135, 156, and 14.

The Offertories will be devoted to the poor of the district.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,—COLABA.

7 A.M.—Holy Communion (Celebration).

11 A.M.—Litany, Holy Communion and Sermon. Hymns 141 and 197.

6 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 157, 182, "O Paradise."

The Offertory to be devoted to the Choir Fund.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,—SONAPORE.

7-30 A.M.—Choral Celebration of Holy Communion, with Sermon, Introit, Psalm XLII. v. 1, 2; Hymn 117 (Jesus lives!)

6 P.M.—Evensong with Sermon. Hymns 137 (Three in One), 176 (Far from my heavenly home), and 143 (O love, how deep!)

ST. PETER'S CHURCH,—MAZAGON.

11 A.M.—Prayers, Holy Communion Celebration, Sermon. Hymns 2 and 146.

5 P.M.—Litany and Catechising. Hymn 175.

6 P.M.—Prayers and Sermon. Hymns 196, 194, and 15.

The Offertory to be devoted to the expenses of the Church.

IN THE HARBOUR.

Morning Prayers and Sermon on board the ship Roslyn Castle, off Custom Bunder, at 11 o'clock A.M., by the Rev. W. Brown Keer, Harbour Chaplain, S. P. G.

LOOSE CATTLE IN THE BHOLESHWUR ROAD.

AT the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, Dhurma Nursoo, a cowherd, was charged before Mr. Showell with negligently omitting to take such order or care with a number of animals in his possession, as was sufficient to guard against probable danger to human life or grievous hurt therefrom. From the evidence of Mr. Inspector Price, it appeared that yesterday morning he met a large herd of cattle in the Bholeshwur Road, and stepped into a shop on one side of the road with the intention of seeing whether the cattle were guarded with due care. After three or four hundred head of cattle had passed by, the whole road was blocked up with them from side to side. Carriages and conveyances had to stand until the cattle were past. After the whole herd had passed him, he saw the defendant and a little boy following with sticks in their hands This was a daily occurrence morning and evening, and a perfect nuisance. The prisoner's cattle, after passing through Candawady, had to cross the Breach Candy Road twice, and this occurred daily just at the time that road was most used. Four of the cattle were ordered to be seized and sent to the pound. The traffic on the road, over which the cattle passed, was entirely stopped by their getting interwoven among the carriages, and there was not a single person in charge of them except the prisoner and the little boy.

The Magistrate, in disposing of the case, said—have judicial knowledge from several former cases in which this man has appeared here on the same account. The nuisance is a constant one—a daily one—and prisoner has been warned by me over and over again to take proper precautions about the cattle if he would continue the occupation of driving cattle to the cart in Girgaum; but this case shows all my warnings to have been in vain. The Magistrate made some remarks on the law on the subject, after which he sentenced the prisoner to a month's rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100, or, in default of payment of fine, to undergo further imprisonment for a month.

MURDER OF A HINDOO GIRL FOR THE SAKE OF HER ORNAMENTS.

ABOUT five o'clock yesterday morning a police sepoy in going his rounds found the body of a Hindoo girl lying by the side of a gully, close to the overbridge at the Tardeo station, with her feet chopped off. The enquiries of the police in regard to the affair have elicited the information that the deceased was named Khetabaee, and aged about three years. About half-past 9 o'clock on Thursday morning the mother was drawing water from a Vehar pipe connected with a house at Chinch Bunder, where she lived. The unfortunate girl was then playing in the verandah of the house. The mother went upstairs with a pot of water, and on her return in about two minutes, she found the child missing. The child had on her person at the time two silver anklets of the value of Rs. 27, and a silver neck ornament worth Rs. 10; and it appears that none of these ornaments was on her person when the body was found. The presumption is, therefore, that the object of this horrid and revolting deed was to gain possession of those trifling articles. The father of the deceased, by name Dewoo Gunsee, a Lohana, searched for his daughter during the whole of the day, but could not find any trace of her. He reported the matter to the police, and a battakee was caused to be beaten throughout the town. Nothing was heard of the child till yesterday morning about five o'clock, when a sepoy of the E Divisian on duty in Bellasis Road found the body of the deceased girl lying at the side of a gully, close to the Tardeo station, with her both feet cut off. The child does not appear to have been murdered on the spot where the body was found, as there was no appearance of blood upon the ground there, and the feet of the unfortunate victim have not yet been recovered. The body was removed to the Morgue, Cama teepoora, where an inquest was held by Dr. Lumsdaine, and was adjourned till Friday, the 13th proximo. The only witness examined was the father, who identified the body as that of his daughter. About fifteen persons, particularly belonging to the Lohana caste are now in custody, some of whom, it appears, were pounding mortar opposite to the verandah of the house where the child was playing before she was missed.

FORT POLICE COURT.—30TH JULY.

(Before NANA MOROJEE, Esq.)

THEFTS.—Tookaram Luxmon and Goolam Hoosein Hassen were convicted of stealing 40 lbs. of ice, the property of Messrs. Farnham & Co., and sentenced to receive eight stripes each.—Motee Roek, a Madrassee, was charged with stealing a coat and other articles, the property of one Sorabjee Nusserwanjee, and was on conviction sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for three months.—Salmin Nussib, was sentenced to receive eight stripes for stealing two blankets belonging to Rajakhan Hussan.—Manecklall Hasaram was charged with stealing two shawls, of the value of Rs. 45, belonging to Chooneelall Khatanee, and was sentenced to receive ten stripes.

GIRGAUM POLICE COURT.—30TH JULY.

(Before R. H. SHOWELL, Esq.)

GAMBLING.—Mahomed Ali, Ali Megrab, Ali Hoossein and Mahomed Hoossein, were charged with gambling in a public place at Imambarra. The Magistrate, having heard evidence, convicted the prisoners, sentenced the first three to hard labour for a month each, and fined the fourth three rupees, or in default to suffer seven days' imprisonment.

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR.—Rampursad Comptapersad was charged, at, the instance of Mr. Inspector Price, with disorderly behaviour in a public road, and was on conviction fined ten rupees, or in default of payment to suffer imprisonment for seven days.

THE young King Louis II. of Bavaria, on the 2nd of June, had Wagner's *Lohengrin* represented for his special benefit, his Majesty being the sole occupant of the theatre. The house was brilliantly illuminated, and the musicians were in evening costume. Orders have been given for a similar performance of *Tristan d'Isault*.—*Musical Standard.*

INDIAN CORN.

THE Madras Board of Revenue is desirous of introducing varieties of this valuable cereal superior to the common *makka jonna*, and, with this view, has distributed a large quantity of seed throughout the various collectorates. In the Godavery district it was tried in the acting sub-collector's garden and in twelve villages where the common kind grows well. The experiment in the sub-collector's garden was very successful, but all the others totally failed. The ryots ascribe this result to the want of rain, and this certainly may have helped to bring it about, as in the absence of showers, the exotic varieties of Indian corn require to be watered to obtain an average crop. To secure success therefore it will be necessary to put down the seeds at a proper season, and probably the best time on the east coast will be immediately after the first heavy fall of rain during the N. E. monsoon, as showers may then be expected to fall for some time, at short intervals.—*Madras Times.*

THE BARQUE ALEXANDRA.

(*Madras Times*, July 26.)

THE Master Attendant, on the 15th instant, reported to Government the stranding of the British barque Alexandra, of 547 tons, about ten miles south of Madras The vessel left Madras at 1 P.M., on the 8th instant, bound for Liverpool with a full cargo, and was lost the same night. As the case is one which requires investigation, Mr. Dalrymple advised that a court of enquiry should be convened. Upon this the Governor in Council resolved to appoint Mr. T. G. Clarke, Magistrate of the Town Police Court, and Mr. J. B. Crowther, Deputy Master Attendant, to investigate and report on the circumstances under which the British barque Alexandra was stranded about ten miles south of the port of Madras. The court of enquiry is to sit to-day at the Town Police Court where Mr. William Edwards, the master, and the first and second officers and three of the crew of the vessel have been summoned to attend.

COURT OF ENQUIRY AT MURREE.

THERE has been a court of enquiry held at Murree on account of some kind of misunderstanding which arose between the European and native bandsmen. They were foolishly or wisely massed together to play on the mall; and so they played together and played well. But somehow, and for some cause we know not, the European soldiers took a dislike to the arrangement, and represented that they wished to play alone. Then the Europeans, whose barracks are situated above those of the natives, the 23rd Pioneers, took to the amusement of rolling stones down on the barracks below; bye and by an Anglo-Saxon youth rashly descended himself to the native barracks, whereupon he was put into the quarter guard. Now what happened after this it is somewhat difficult to say, but the prisoner was, it is said, *rescued* The whole proceedings have gone up to the Commander-in-Chief, and the only hope is that His Excellency will deal with the case not as a disreputable affair occurring between European and native soldiers, but as a scandalous breach of discipline between one set of soldiery and another. Whichever may be in the wrong, European or native, let justice award the sentence.—*Delhi Gazette.*

THE PORT OF NARRAKEL.

THE port of Narrakel seems to be rapidly rising into importance, if the fact of its having been largely resorted to by the shipping of late is any criterion. Since the commencement of the S. W. monsoon, the port has been visited by 14 vessels giving nearly 9,700 tons. Several ships have loaded there for Europe at the worst periods of the present monsoon, and the bark Douglas discharged a whole cargo of rice there within a comparatively short time whilst communication with the shore at Cochin was quite impracticable from the state of the sea. Narrakel likewise affords facilities for repairing vessels, and the pilgrim ship Uttit Raehman Sirusker, which made the port in a leaky condition is now at anchor in the roads for repairs.

The ship Uttit Raehman Sirusker, Nacoda Nusserodeen, of 704 tons, under British colours, bound from Jedda to Calcutta with pilgrims and a cargo of salt, put into Narrakel on the 17th inst. in a leaky state. This vessel left Jedda on the 17th June with 389 pilgrims and 72 men for her crew, and during the voyage 31 pilgrims and one of the crew died, and the vessel sprung a leak on the 10th instant, making about four feet water per hour when she arrived off this port. The Master Attendant having heard that a large number of deaths had occurred, went on board immediately, and we hear has requested Dr. Whitton to pay the vessel a professional visit preparatory to the men being landed at Narrakel. The pilgrims and crew are in a most destitute and squalid condition, and a full report of the circumstance has been forwarded to Government.—*Cochin Argus*, July 23.

HOUSE RENT IN CALCUTTA.

WE citizens of this so-called City of Palaces—heaven knows—have many grievances that require to be looked into. But we question if there is one that sits with greater weight upon us than that of house rent. A poor fellow with a lot of grown up sons and daughters, and not overburdened with a large amount of salary, cannot afford the luxuries and doubtful comforts of a respectable boarding house. He must perforce have a place of his own, and where is that to be found? Search where he will—a decent tenement in a good neighbourhood is not to be had under 200, 300 or 400 rupees a month, and where is he to find the means to pay this? The only resource left him is to take a rickety, badly-ventilated, lower-roomed house in some crowded locality, reeking with the odours of unclean drains and filthy out-houses. Surely it is possible to build houses of a class that will suit the pockets of people whose incomes do not extend beyond Rs. 300 to 400 a month? We are glad to see the *Engineer's Journal* coming forward in reference to this matter. In the good old days before the pagoda tree had lost all its golden fruit a person could afford to become the possessor of a three-storied house such as we find lining the Chowringhee road. But a glance at the *Exchange Gazette* of to-day tells a very different tale. Some of the best houses may now be had in "flats," which plainly enough shows that people have become more economical in their ideas and wants, or that money is a much scarcer commodity than it used to be. Still these "flats" are far above the means of men of ordinary stamp. Some little while ago we understood a company was about to start into life with the view of building ranges of buildings, suitable in every way for families with limited means. The plan seemed feasible enough.

Talking of building, the following idea is not at all a bad one. We wonder who will have the courage to try the experiment:—

"AN ODD DISCOVERY.—An odd discovery has just been made by a man of Grenoble, by which it is calculated that cemeteries and graveyards will become superfluous. At the decease of an individual the body is plunged into a liquid invented by the man of Grenoble, and in about five years the individual is turned into stone. The secret of the petrification is known only to the discoverer. He says that in a thousand years' time, if persons will only preserve their relatives and friends, they will be able to build houses with them and thus live in residences surrounded by their ancestors!"

—Happy thought! Would "the man of Grenoble" come over here, and try the expriment on some of our drainage-engineers? These men would then be able to live in their 'works, and be a warning to geniuses in the future not to meddle in matters they know nothing of.—*Englishman's Saturday Evening Journal.*

LAY OF THE PUNKAH COOLY.

(TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL PUNJABEE.)

Fair bride of my bosom, devoted and true,
How weary the hours are that keep me from you!
Oh! would it were morn, and this cooly were free,
To hie him once more to his love and to thee.

The night breeze hath hushed all the world in repose,
And in slumber each wretch hath forgotten his woes;
But the dreams of the coolies of anguish are full,
And heavy their hearts as the punkahs they pull.

How clear rise the palms o'er the moonlighted town
And their feathery branches droop dreamily down!
In shadowy grandeur loom mosque and minar,—
But the cooly, what heeds he?—his thoughts are afar.

You stubbly old Major whose bond slave am I,
(And who snoring unconscious before me doth lie),
Doth he dream as the punkah swings darkly above
That the cooly who pulls hath a soul that can love?

As I pass my lone vigil sleep oft will prevail
For I've sat here since sunfire and flesh is but frail.
Seven times has the Major arisen in oath,
And each time a different missile sent forth.

Last time as I nodded, an iron-tipped shoe
Aroused me, my darling, from dreaming of you,
And the Major he swore that I seated should be
On three ricketty chests and a smooth chillumchee.

And the black bearded sentries at the Major's command
With their sharp pointed bayonets hover at hand,
And with insolent jests at my agonies play
As my frail acrie rocks when the woodwork gives way.

Again snores the Major full length on his bed,
May the pegs he's imbibed split his wicked old head!
And again into dreamland delicious I glide,
And see thee before me, my beautiful bride!

As in peace we reposed 'neath the broad peepul tree,
Far, far from life's troubles, how happy were we!
But the spell was soon broken—I fell on the floor,
And the Major with hunting-whip lathered me sore.

—*Indian Public Opinion.*

LOSS OF THE G. P. WHITNEY.

INTELLIGENCE has been received at Mauritius from the Seychelles, announcing that the ship G. P. Whitney, from Calcutta to Mauritius, had foundered at sea. One boat with several of the crew had reached Reunion after great suffering, six men having died in the boat, and one after landing. Another boat, in which were the captain and the remainder of the crew, has not been heard of.

The weather in Mauritius had been most favourable to the sugar crop, which was expected to yield 13,000 tons.

MADRAS RACES—1870.

ENTRANCES ON 14TH JULY 1869.

GUINDY STAKES.

Mr. Wilson's	g	a	geld...Alarm, 6 years.
"	g	a	filly...Fleur-de-Lys, 4 years.
"	b	a	mare...Redwing.
Mr. Bell ns.....	b	a	geld...Viscount.
The Templar's	ch	w	h...Ivanhoe, 5 years.
"	bk	w	colt...Zouave, 3 years.
Mr. Miller ns.....	b	a	geld...Silvertail.

GOVERNOR'S CUP.

Mr. Wilson's	br	a	geld...Thirlestane.
"	g	a	geld...Alarm.
"	g	a	filly...Fleur-de-Lys.
"	b	a	mare...Redwing.
Mr. Bell ns	b	a	geld...Viscount.
The Templar's	ch	w	h...Ivanhoe.
"	bk	w	colt...Zouave.
Mr. Miller ns.....	b	a	geld...Silvertail.
"	bay		geld...Chieftain.
"	c		geld...Star of the South.
Mr. Dawlish's	c	e	mare...Silver Star.
"	b	w	geld...Grandmaster.

BEDOUIN PLATE.

The Templar's	g	a	h...Saint Andrew.
"	g	a	h...Volunteer.
Mr Dawlish's.....	b	a	h...Bucklegs.
Mr. Miller ns.....	g	a	h...Atlas.

MADRAS DERBY.

Mr. Miller ns.....	g	a	h...Atlas.

SINGULAR DECLARATION OF THE EMPEROR NAPOLEON.

THE *Pays*, of July 7, affirms that the Emperor Napoleon has written these words—"On the 19th January I committed a great fault. By acting without previous concert with the majority I caused it regard with suspicion my sentiments towards it. All my efforts should tend to regain its confidence."

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

THE public debt of the United Kingdom amounted, on the 31st of March 1869, the close of the last financial year, to £796,861,067—viz., funded debt £740,418,032; unfunded, £8,896,100; and terminable annuities representing an estimated capital of £47,546,935. Ten years previously, on the 31st of March, 1859, the total amount was £823,934,880, so that the debt has been diminished by £27,073,813 in the last ten years. Comparing the two periods we find the funded debt less in 1869 by more than 46 millions, and the unfunded by above 9 millions, but the estimated capital of terminable annuities is more by nearly 27 millions, large amounts of stock having been converted into terminable annuities in 1863-64 and 1867-68, by which operation so much debt is being gradually paid off.

HEALTH OF THE QUEEN.

THE public will have seen with satisfaction that Her Majesty has been able of late to take a greater share in public ceremonial than has been her wont since the lamented Prince Consort's decease. We are not revealing medical secrets, but simply stating what is well known to all Her Majesty's inner circle, that the presence of a crowd or the succession of persons who are presented at Court produces on her nervous system the giddiness and other symptoms common to landsmen at sea. Considering Her Majesty's habits of punctuality, and the hard labour and anxiety she has undergone during her happily protracted reign, it cannot be matter of surprise that the nervous system should become fatigued.—*Medical Times and Gazette.*

KING THEODORE AND HIS SONS.

WE have received from Mr. Alexander Fairgrieve, proprietor of the menagerie to which Bouta Workey, the "son of the late King Theodore," is attached, a long letter designed to show that that young person is really of royal blood. As it does not appear that Mr. Fairgrieve pretends that Bouta Workey is the son of King Theodore by his Queen, we have no further interest in the question. Theodore was a polygamist and something more, and it would be very rash to pretend to limit the number of young Abyssinians in whose veins his blood flows. These explanations have made no difference to the exhibition of the menagerie of the son of the man whom we sent a large army to overthrow, an exhibition which, just in proportion to its genuineness, is an affront to the Queen, and the nation.—*Daily News.*

EXPLOSION OF A BALLOON.

LLOYD'S agent at Buenos Ayres reports the following accident on the 24th of May at the fête given in commemoration of the anniversary of the declaration of freedom:—An aeronaut named M. Barille made an ascent in a balloon from the centre of the Plazza. It remained stationary over the city for some time, there being no wind, and on descending fell into the harbour. A number of boats and a small steamer named the Cavour put off to the rescue of the aeronaut, who was drowning in his car. By some misfortune the balloon in rolling about came in contact with the funnel of the steamer, and, the gas getting ignited, exploded with terrible force, blowing the crew overboard, as also those in the boats. The steamer was set on fire, and sustained much damage. The Buenos Ayres papers state that eight persons were fatally injured and 25 were much burnt and injured.

WHAT BECOMES OF THE TAXES.

THE revenue of Great Britain is the largest in the known world, yet, with all our wealth, a smaller proportion of it is spent upon the Government itself than in other European States, as the following comparison of revenue appropriations will clearly prove.

	Per cent.		Per cent.	
In Prussia, they spend 26 on War Forces,	17	on Debt,	57	on the State
In Russia, "	24	"	12	" 64 "
In Spain, "	25	"	18	" 57 "
In Portugal, "	28	"	23	" 51 "
In Austria, "	29	"	27	" 44 "
In France, "	26	"	31	" 43 "
In Gt. Britain "	43	"	42	" 15 "

It follows from this statement that while those six States spend a large proportion of their national income upon the Government, we spend 85 per cent of ours on debt and war. There is truly no similar extravagance in the known world.—(From a paper read before the National Reform Union, at Manchester by Mr. Stokes.)

GENERAL GARIBALDI has intimated to a friend in the north of England that he will visit that country during the present year.

IT is reported from Portugal that serious disturbances have taken place in the Azores, in consequence of an increase in the taxes. In several districts the tax papers were burnt.

ON the 5th instant the Prince and Princess of Wales gave a ball at Marlborough House. The costume worn by gentlemen at the ball is stated to have been a blue dress coat, with gilt buttons, black breeches, and white waistcoat.

AT a court martial held at Plymouth, on the 2nd July, Navigating Sub-lieutenant Cunningham, of the Himalaya, was severely reprimanded and dismissed his ship for leaving watch and playing cards after the lights had been ordered out.

THE University of Dublin, following the example of Cambridge, has decided to establish an annual examination for women. Trinity College divides the candidates into two classes—junior and senior—distinguished by age. The junior candidates will be girls from fifteen to eighteen years of age. The senior candidates will be all those above eighteen.

By the Cape mails we learn that

MEN OF THE SECOND EMPIRE.

THE PRIVATE SOLDIER.

A YEAR ago an untoward catastrophe befell Jean Tripou; he drew "No. 12" at the conscription and was forthwith marched off to the army. Now imagine the position of Tripou, who had peaceful tastes and detested bloodshed. He was a simple peasant—very simple—whose father could neither read nor write, and whose mother had taught him to believe in ghosts, amulets, and diabolic visitations. When it thundered, the Tripou family used to think it was the Evil One, who incensed at being turned out of his first abode, was making a riot in the clouds to revenge himself. When it hailed, the Tripou family tied a sheep's tail to the end of a piece of stick and planted the stick in the ground. Hail, as they knew, is another of the devil's works, but the devil is afraid of sheeps' tails, and never throws stones in to a field where he sees one tied to a bit of stick. This was a secret confided to the village by Tripou's grandsire. The father of Tripou had an acre of his own which Jean Tripou tilled. When there was nothing for him to do at home, he worked for the neighbouring farmers, earning between twenty-five and forty sous a day, according to the season: twenty-five sous in winter and forty at harvest time, besides which he was given his two meals. He was contented enough, and would have been happy but for the thought of the conscription. He had been to the primary school, and had profited enough thereby to be able to write on the walls with a bit of chalk: "Not mair est une viel savat." If his spelling was faulty it was that the man is not perfect. Tripou's favourite amusement was to go out into a field with his comrades when the day's work was over and play at the national game of leap frog. When the sport began to flag the great fun was to duck suddenly down on one's knees just as one's friend had taken his jump; this sent him flat on his nose and made the others laugh. But there was something Tripou liked even better than this, and that was courting. He was in love with Marie Fichu, the daughter of old Fichu, who lived down the lane, and she had promised to marry him if he drew "a good number" on the dreaded "jour du tirage." Unfortunately, old Fichu had an unpleasant habit of throwing himself athwart the courtship, and saying whenever he met Tripou, "Ecoute, mon garçon, si je te prends à roder comme ça autour de Marie, j'aurai bientôt fait de te couper les oreilles. Attends que la conscription soit finie, puis nous verrons." This "attends que la conscription soit finie" was the phrase the unhappy Tripou heard everywhere. It was like a log of wood tied to his leg by a chain; it made his life a burden to him. He could not take a step without being reminded by it that he was not his own master, and that until he had dipped his hand into the Government lottery-box it was no good his planning any schemes for the future.

At the time when the conscription law was first voted gambling was more the fashion than it is at present. Everybody gambled either at the public lotteries, which were drawn in France four times a year, or at the public gaming tables, and when every town, however small, possessed at least two or three, and those pretty well used, then, to the excitement of being millionaires on one day and penniless the next; and if a few zanies occasionally went and hanged themselves in the neighbourhood of the Palais Royal, they were only underbred zanies who had not spirit enough to bear up against present losses in the confident hope of better luck next time. In those days, to stake seven or eight years of one's life on the hazard of ticket was scarcely more exciting than to stake half one's fortune on the chance of a card. It was a sensation like another—not pleasant for those who lost, but nothing to make a fuss about. Now-a-days we have degenerated. Gambling, thanks to betting agencies and jointstock companies, has not yet gone out, but men of the present day bear their losses with less of that equal mind which characterized the temper of their forefathers. In the matter of the conscription especially, there is a growing tendency on the part of the bucolic intelligence to look with supreme aversion on the ceremony of plunging one's hand into a mahogany whirligig, and thereby deciding upon the whole fate of one's life; and I have had the opportunity of noting that the rustic who draws a bad number betrays less equanimity than one would think consistent with a thoroughly popular institution. Jean Tripou, when the day of tribulation came round, howled hideously; and it was the more dismal to hear him as there were a good many who howled in his company. A knot of them, all simple louts who believed in sheeps' tails, were gathered together outside the village mairie, looking blue in the face, bloated about the eyes, and as chattery in the teeth as if their under jaws were loose. Rebellious spirit, too, was a-flame in them: "Why," snivelled one, "should I be taken from my field? father can't till it alone, and he'll not find a hand to do the work I did under three francs a day. If the Government wants to fight the Prussians, why can't it go and do so by itself?" (N.B.—For the rural mind the Government is a machine on wheels located in Paris, but made so as to be moved into action in cases of emergency.) "Yes," groaned another, "and why should I, who was earning my fifty sous a day, and might in ten years' time have laid by enough to buy a plot of land—why should I be clapped into a pair of red trousers and sent off to fight for the next nine years? I'm thirty I shall be just where I am now, and have to begin life again without a centime." Here Tripou chimed: "And does the Government think that Marie Fichu will wait nine years for me, and remain single until I come back again? Why, if I draw a bad number this morning, old Fichu will be waiting down the lane for me with his stick, and if I try to speak to Marie he will hit me on the head. I know him. Besides, by the time I've done my soldiering Marie will be married to somebody else, and—and—and—" Here he broke down. At this juncture Tripou's feelings became too bitter for him, and he began to sob again grievously. "Espèce de grand dadal," cried a dragoon who was standing near. "Est ce comme ça qu'on pleurniche? Allons, tête de bêta, perhaps you'll draw a good number yet; or perhaps some day you'll become captain and general. I knew an imbecile who became captain and general, but he didn't howl like you. What do you care for Marie, either? If she won't wait for you you'll find plenty of others. Les femmes, voyez vous, c'est comme les pommes de terre, ça se trouve partout." It is to be remarked that there are always dragoons standing about ready to administer spiritual comfort of this sort. There is always a gendarme, too, who has been reading in yesterday's paper that the Government intends to abolish the conscription the week after next, so that those who draw bad numbers will probably not be wanted. In the case of Tripou, however, this solace failed, for he remembered that the gendarme had said the same thing the year before. He accordingly went on with his weeping, and continued without ceasing until the prefect arrived in company with a general of division, and was received at the door of the mairie by the mayor, the municipal council, and seventeen firemen, all in uniform. Tripou then rubbed his knuckles in his eyes, stuffed his handkerchief into his pocket, and with a sigh more piteous than anything he had sighed before, went in to meet his fate.

The operation of the conscription is exceedingly simple. The prefect of the department, together with a general of division and a commissary of police, sit together at a table on which is set a mahogany cylinder hung between two uprights, and moving upon pivots. The cylinder contains just as many tickets as there are lads about to draw; and as the drawers are all those who have attained their twentieth year within the twelve month, there are generally about 120 every year in a rural canton. Out of these 120 the Government usually require sixty for the service, so that if amongst those who draw the first sixty figures there are none who claim exemption, the rustic who draws No. 61 may consider himself safe. But this is seldom the case. Out of the first sixty there are sometimes as many as a score who are exempted on account of bodily infirmities or from being only sons of widows, or, again, from having an elder brother already in the army. * A conscript, therefore, cannot call himself well out of the wood unless he pulls out a ticket marked with some figure above 80; in other words, the chances against him are about three to two. It is only fair to state that the whole ceremony is conducted with great fairness; no cheating, in fact, is possible. The tickets are all rolled up in balls of wax, and before pulling one out the conscript is allowed to give the whirligig as many turns as he likes, in order to mix them all up together, but by the new army law, passed in 1868, those who draw "bad numbers" have to serve very nearly nine years and a half—*i.e.* rather more than five years in the regular army and four years in the reserve. The "good numbers" have to do five years in the Garde Nationale Mobile. The conscription always takes place towards the end of January or the beginning of February, but by the new law the conscripts are not enrolled till July. If, however, a lad likes to join at once he is at liberty to do so, and he has then the privilege of choosing his regiment, which those who only join in July have not. It may be mentioned cursorily that it is the Alsatians who are supposed to make the best soldiers. They are tall, strong, and honest. Most of them joint immediately after they have drawn and elect for the artillery so as to have a greater chance of remaining near home, there being always several regiments of artillery-men quartered at Strasburg, Colmar, and Mulhouse. The Marseillais, who are small and fiery, are generally put into the Zouaves. They are good soldiers in war, but in time of peace they are the plagues of a garrison, being eternally fighting, drinking, and thieving. The Parisians, if they have their choice, invariably ask to be hussars or lancers, and it is a well known fact that they make the worst soldiers in the army. With them it is all brag and show; they keep themselves neat and smoke cigarettes, but they are idle, and, when scolded, sulk. They always rejoice exceedingly when peace is proclaimed.

As I have already said, poor Jean Tripou drew No. 12, notwithstanding a magic amulet which his mother had hung round his neck, and a paper full of dead flies which his father had exhorted him to put into his waistcoat pocket. As everybody is aware, amulets and dead flies are sure preservatives against ill luck, and if they did not have their effect in Jean Tripou's case it is because—as M. le Curé—remarked—it is the exception which makes the rule. Unfortunately the Tripou family did not posses the 2,500 francs (£100) necessary to buy Jean a substitute, and so his No. 12 was a figure of fate. He was like a limp sack on the morning of the "tirage," and the same evening he looked like a sheet of blotting paper. The next day he went to try and get a glimpse of Marie Fichu, but old Fichu was on the look out. A conscript who has nine years of service before him is a "triste lapus stabulis," an animal who can mean no good to the sheepfold. Old Fichu had got his gun ready, and albeit it was a flint lock yet Tripou grew shy at the look of it. Within the week he heard that Marie had been seen to smile benevolently upon Pierre Goulot, the innkeeper, who was a widower, but yet hale and lusty. This news decided him. He packed up all his linen in a pocket-handkerchief, bid good-bye to his parents, and without waiting for the month of July started off for the army, selecting as his regiment the cuirassiers, most likely on account of the helmet and breastplate.

Three months afterwards the two following letters were received in his village. The first was to his parents: in translation I have mended the spelling:—

My dear father and mother,—This is written at Versailles, where the regiment is quartered. I hope you are quite well. Versailles is a town with a fine castle in which Louis Quatorze lived until he was knocked over by the Emperor for being a Republican. He is at present in England with his son the Duke d'Aumale, who used to be in the army. It is our brigadier (corporal) who told me this. He knows a great many things, our brigadier, and he says that as the French soldier should never be without money, I am to ask you for twenty francs; he is going to show me how to spend them. Please don't forget the twenty francs. When I came here I had a lot of hair, but they cut it all off, and made my head look a beechnut. I wanted to pick up all the hair and put it in a paper to burn it because of what you told me about one's enemy being able to do one harm by getting hold of a lock and boiling it, but our brigadier gave me a kick which sent me into the yard. He is very strong in the right leg, our brigadier. After I had been here five days they gave me ten sous for my pay. I said it wasn't enough, because that only made two sous a day; but our caps tain asked me if I wanted to make a fool of him. I don't like him, our captain. It is he who stands in the riding-school, where they took me the first day I put on my uniform. They brought out a horse without saddle or bridle, and said, "Now get upon that." I told 'em I'd rather not. They said this made no difference, and two of 'em caught me and hoisted me up. The brute of a horse began to trot and I cried "Stop!" but he paid no attention until I got hold of his ears, then he kicked me off. The next day, when they told me to go to the "manége" I knew what it meant, so instead of going I went out for a walk and didn't come back till dinner. For this they gave me a week in the salle de police, which is a dark room with nothing in it except boards. Please don't forget the twenty francs. The best of being a soldier is that every ten days they give you an order for a packet of "cantine tobacco," which weighs a hundred grammes, and for which you only pay 3 sous. It is the Emperor who has done this, and our brigadier says he would do a great deal more if the "Reds" let him. But the "Reds" hate us; it is they who make us have boiled beef every day, and no sauce to it; and our brigadier says that if they could they would make us break stones and set us to serve twenty years instead of nine. I don't like the Reds, and if I have a chance I shall knock their ears off with my sword. I must stop here, for the trumpet you've just heard is for dinner. It's a pound of bread, with boiled beef in some soup. Yesterday mine was all fat. Please don't forget the twenty francs—Your affectionate son, JEAN TRIPOU.

The second letter was to Mdme. Goulot, late Mdlle. Marie Fichu. As before, I have amended the spelling, but this time I have not translated:—

Madame (car pour moi vous n'êtes plus Mademoiselle), si vous pensez me faire de la peine en épousant Goulot vous vous trompez, je vous assure; car je me moque pas mal de lui. Ici toutes les filles sont folles de moi. Ce n'est pas pour me vanter; mais seulement pour vous dire qu'elles ont meilleur goût que vous. Hier une duchesse qui passait dans sa voiture à douze chevaux m'a fait de l'œil, et ce matin son frére, qui est maréchal de France et cousin de l'Empereur, est venu m'inviter à dîner. Encore une fois ce n'est pas pour me vanter, mais seulement pour vous montrer que j'ai de quoi me consoler. Adieu, Madame, j'épouserai sans doute bientôt ma duchesse, qui m'obtiendra mon congé, et me fera nommer colonel. Ainsi je ne vous garde pas rancune, mais bien au contraire vous remercie d'avoir épousé Goulot quoique ce soit un fier imbecile et que si on le tenait ici on lui flanquerait quinze jours de salle de police rien que pour être si bête.—Bien le bonjour, —*Pall Mall Gazette.* JEAN TRIPOU.

M. ROUHER.

WHEN the sun sets our thoughts are sometimes carried back to its early rising. Thus a sanguine Liberal print in France, triumphant at the prospect of the fall of Rouherism, refers to the early exploits of the chief councillor of the Empire. Its readers are reminded of the time when M. Rouher was nominated Minister of Agriculture. The news of the appointment was brought to one of his old friends, M. Lebey. "What!" exclaimed this gentleman, "Rouher Minister! Why, I can remember the day when he used to breakfast at Rouget's for thirteen sous." If from so humble a beginning M. Rouher rose to be the first Minister of France, there is only the more credit due to him, and Liberals would commit an unpardonable error were they to make stones of such facts to throw at him. It is a pity, however, that one who has shared the misfortunes of the poor to the extent of limiting the price of his breakfast—a French breakfast—to sixpence halfpenny, should not during his lease of power have attempted to legislate more for the poor and less for Imperial power.—*Daily News.*

ANTI-TOBACCO ARGUMENTS.

THERE is so much idleness and ill-health amongst lads produced by smoking, that we have some sympathy with the organization of which *The Anti-Tobacco Journal* forms a part. The literature of the periodical in question, however, appears to us to be too wild in a few of the illustrated cases. Under the significant heading of "Wine, Cigars, and Crime," we are told emphatically that one of the assassins of President Lincoln confessed to having smoked a cigar a short time before the deed was committed. A correspondent then contributes the remarkable fact that dogs may be stopped from fighting by putting a [illegible] of this heroic struggle alive. And to all remembered, this account is taken from the *proces verbal* signed by the four seconds, and published by request! This legend may console us—a community suffering under the mutual barbarisms of Lord Carington and Mr. Murray.

THE LITERATURE OF THE VELOCIPEDE.

WE quote from a Paris letter of the 8th July in the *Evening Star*:—"The art of velocipede-driving has attained such importance in France that it has its organ, in the form of a remarkably well-written illustrated paper, entitled, the *Velocipede Illustré*. In this amusing little journal your velocipedists will find every possible light thrown on their art, and minute records of the last feats performed by their Gallic rivals. I extract for their benefit the following notes on two journeys accomplished by Mr. W. B. M'Clennan and a party of five friends. The object of their first expedition was Chantilly. Starting precisely at twelve, from the Porte Maillot entrance gate of the Bois, they traversed Levallois, Clichy, St. Ouen, and reached St. Denis in thirty-five minutes. Having partaken luncheon at that ancient town, they started at half-past one by the *route imperiale*, which runs from Paris to Calais, passing by Pierrefitte, Econen, and Morlaix. The five travellers are unanimous in stating that nothing can be more execrable than the said imperial road. So rough with stones was it, that when practicable they velocipeded along the adjacent fields, and consequently on more footpaths. Failing these, Mr. M'Clennan and his friends, more than once, following the example set by the miller in La Fontaine's fable, who put the ass into the cart and harnessed himself in, descended from their bicycles and dragged it after them. In spite of all these adverse circumstances, the five velocipedists reached Chantilly at six p.m., having done their 50 kilos in five hours. But far more enjoyable was the trip from which the same party returned last night. Starting by the Champs Elysées and Neuilly, they bowled along the splendid Courbevoie road, till they reached the native land of the *rosières*, and through this poetic village sped on to St. Germain. From that fourth suburb—to which, in spite of its palace having now converted into a museum of Roman antiquities, the fact of its having been the scene of the amours of the graceful La Vallière and of the royal Louis, and at a later period of the dying hours of our own discrowned James, imparts historic interest—our travellers, passing by Chambouray, Ecquevilly, and Mézières, literally flew on to Mantes; thus accomplishing six-and-twenty English miles in less than four hours. The road Mr. M'Clennan, on mean authority, on all matters connected with bicyclical lore, informs the *Velocipede Illustré* is as smooth as a billiard table, and the only difficulty experienced is to keep back the bicycle. He computes the *coups de pedale* required during the transit from Paris to Mantes as twenty-one thousand. That gentleman strongly recommends adepts in the art, after enjoying the luxury of the trip to Mantes, to take Fontainebleau as the object of their next expedition. The route lies by Charenton to Maisons Alfort, and, so far, is not so even as could be desired. Thence by Villeneuve St. Georges and Montgeron to Tirmont, the road, passing through the forest of Senart to Melun, is macadamised. From Melun to Fontainebleau it is paved; therefore, to avoid this inconvenience, velocipedists are advised to make a slight detour and take the Macadam, *viâ* Milly and Barbizon, to Fontainebleau. These details may be of use to English amateur velocipedists as suggesting an agreeable manner of seeing the country."

A COMICAL DUEL.

(Evening Star, July 9.)

OUR Paris correspondent gave an account a day or two back of a duel fought on the third of this month, near Reuil, in France, between Lord Charles Hamilton and Monsieur E. Esmein. Let us first bear in mind that this semi-comic, semi-tragic drama was enacted "at midday." *Solido demere de die* seems the ideal of the bravo now, as it was of the Epicure in the days of Horace. In this more benighted land, when mutual-slaughter societies met, it used to be at the innocent hour of five a.m., when the lark was singing at heaven's gate and the rosy milkmaid plying her humble avocation. This, however, happened here long ago, and we have grown peaceful and respectable since that stormy epoch. They manage these things better in France. They go through their mildly ferocious hostilities two hours after the sun marks the dial-twelve o'clock at noon. The time of the meeting is funny; the conditions are more so. Both principals were to be wounded before they left the ground. Why not have made an arrangement that both parties were to be killed before they were carried away? There is the well-known precedent in the point in the Kilkenny cats. The note Englishman and chivalric Gaul met at two, and strove to murder or mutilate each other for the space of fifteen minutes. They had been punctual as "lovers to the moment sworn," and such was the vigour of their onslaught that in the second encounter both antagonists were wounded. Swords had been selected by the Frenchman, "Lord Charles Hamilton's seconds having declined the responsibility of the choice in consequence of the *infirmity* of their adversary." In the name of common sense, what does this mean? Does a man with "an infirmity" usually fight better with a sword than with a pistol? The doctor present thought that, as blood had been drawn, the duello should terminate. The sanguinary seconds of our glorious fellow-country insisted that it should continue. Unfortunately, both parties were [illegible] at the first encounter. A fourth encounter upon the same day terminated the affair. Lord Charles Hamilton received a sword-thrust in the arm, and Monsieur E. Esmein a pistol-shot in the thigh. Both will recover. Such is the account of the duel as given by the Paris correspondent of the *Daily News*. Our own correspondent, who is a Frenchman, and who has a keen sense of the ridiculous, gives a different account. He says that the duel was fought with pistols, and that the distance was fixed at twenty paces. Each party was to fire when he chose, and to advance as he chose. Lord Charles Hamilton fired first, and missed his adversary. Monsieur Esmein then fired, and wounded Lord Charles Hamilton in the thigh. Lord Charles Hamilton then fired again, and wounded Monsieur Esmein in the arm. Monsieur Esmein then fired again, and wounded Lord Charles Hamilton in the arm. Lord Charles Hamilton then fired again, and wounded Monsieur Esmein in the thigh. Monsieur Esmein then fired again, and wounded Lord Charles Hamilton in the thigh